

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1371
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of David Franklin Harrod of Athens.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely death of David Franklin Harrod; and

WHEREAS, David Harrod was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born September 2, 1951, to Felix and the late Kathryn Grayson Harrod, David Harrod was a native of McMinn County and was raised in Athens, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a 1969 graduate of McMinn County High School, Mr. Harrod received his bachelor's degree in 1973 from Tennessee Technological University and graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1976; and

WHEREAS, David Harrod practiced law in Athens for twenty-nine years, earning the respect of his peers, his clients, and his community for the exemplary quality of his work and his dedication to duty. In 1982, he was elected to serve as a Circuit Court Judge for the Tenth Judicial District; he retired in 1986 and was a founding partner of Carter, Harrod & Cunningham, which is now Carter, Harrod & Willhite, PLLC; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrod served with distinction as counsel to Athens Federal Community Bank, Citizens National Bank, Athens Utilities Board, Bowater Newsprint, and the McMinn County Board of Education; he was licensed to practice law in the State of Tennessee, the United States District Court, the United States Court of Appeals, the Sixth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrod was an important figure in the advancement of many worthy organizations, including the McMinn-Meigs Bar Association, which he served as President in 1988-1989; the Tennessee Bar Association; Tennessee Defense Lawyers Association;

Tennessee Bar Foundation; and Tennessee Supreme Court Historical Society; he was also a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL); and

WHEREAS, lending his superb leadership skills to numerous civic endeavors, David Harrod was a member of the Citizens National Bank Board of Directors, Athens City School Board, and Coordinated Charities Board; and

WHEREAS, he was a devout and active member of Keith Memorial United Methodist Church, which he served as a member of various committees; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, David Harrod distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest ability and integrity, leaving behind an indelible legacy of justice, respect, and commitment to the people of McMinn County, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrod was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of thirty-two years, Vicki Newton Harrod; one daughter and son-in-law, Laurie Lea and Hunter Hallenberg; two sons and one daughter in-law, David Franklin Harrod, Jr., and Andrew Grayson and Cara Greene Harrod; two grandsons, Grayson Thomas Harrod and Jackson Andrew Harrod; his father, Felix D. Harrod; grandmother, Gertrude Guffey Harrod; one brother and sister-in-law, Doug and Karen Harrod; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Steva Harrod, and Trudy and Jim Evans; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of David Franklin Harrod, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and many friends and colleagues of David Franklin Harrod.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.